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I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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EVERY dog lover who can should read an article in the February *Atlantic Monthly* entitled "Blessed Be the Dog."

THE Be Kind to Animals Week which started in the offices of our two Societies several years ago is now observed in nearly every country of the globe.

THE Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company is manufacturing the perfected humane slaughtering device which was given so severe a testing last June. See fuller report in another column.

OUR readers should keep their eyes open for a very significant announcement to be made in Washington, D. C., about the middle of March. It will promise much for the humane cause in this country.

If you are at all interested in animal welfare work, Be Kind to Animals Week is the time to show it. Wherever the week has been observed animals have been benefited by a more humane treatment.

ANOTHER human being, a citizen of the United States, burned at the stake! This in Georgia. How much longer is American civilization to be put to shame in the eyes of the rest of the world by such acts hardly possible among savages!

THE *New York Herald-Tribune* editorially comments on the value of the horse during such a fall of snow as rendered useless all sorts of motor vehicles. Horses alone in certain sections of the state could transport food, carry doctors and haul fire apparatus.

ALL honor to Balto, the black Siberian dog who led the team that went through to Nome. Night and darkness did not stay him. The blinding storm and the bitter cold of the North could not break his splendid courage. But for him out at the head of his pack, often invisible to his master, Gunnar Kasson, the driver, brave as he was, would have failed.

## From President Coolidge

A LETTER from the White House informs us that the endorsement of President Coolidge last year of Be Kind to Animals Week stands, and that he hardly sees how he could add anything to it this year by a re-statement of it. Following is President Coolidge's letter:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1924

My Dear Doctor Rowley:

Accept my thanks for your note which brings to my attention the fact that "Be Kind to Animals Week" is to be observed this year. I am glad to learn that the celebration of this week is becoming more and more an affair of national interest and concern. The cause is one which thoroughly deserves all the consideration that can possibly be given to it, and I hope that this year's will be the most widespread and general observance that has yet been held.

Most sincerely yours,  
(Signed) CALVIN COOLIDGE

Dr. Francis H. Rowley, President  
American Humane Education Society  
180 Longwood Avenue  
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## HUMANE EDUCATION IN S. C.

A WARM supporter of our cause is pressing hard to secure a humane education law in South Carolina which asks that thirty minutes of each week be devoted to teaching the pupils "kindness and justice to, and humane treatment and protection of, and companionship of birds and animals, and the important part they fill in the economy of nature and the joy of living." Already this bill has passed the House of Representatives. It has the hearty support of the Charleston press.

SEE the price list in this issue and order humane literature, Be Kind to Animals pins, cards, etc., in time for distribution during Be Kind to Animals Week.

## OUR SLAUGHTERING DEVICE

WHAT is the situation? Our readers are entitled to an answer. The New York Society have practically awarded the prize to the inventor of the humane slaughtering instrument about which we have written in former issues. The larger part of the prize money has been paid him. The instrument is now being manufactured by the leading tool company in the United States. Long, and most aggravating delay was caused by reason of the complicated legal details that had to be considered in making contracts with the manufacturers. Patents, rights for the future, these and many other questions arose which consumed what seemed weeks of unnecessary time, but which legal authority said could not be avoided. We are promised a final demonstration of the perfected device in the early spring. The new instrument will be much lighter, constructed of the finest material, and will embody not only the original ideas of the inventor, but the best expert experience and practical wisdom of the tool company.

This delay has embarrassed the National Committee and the New York Society beyond measure, but there has been no slackening of effort or determination to reach the goal toward which we started when this campaign for slaughter-house reform began.

## THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM

WE have several times called attention to the appalling reports that have come to us concerning the Texas prison system. Public sentiment has evidently been sufficiently stirred to demand an inquiry. The *Waco News-Tribune* says, "The investigation has brought to light in Texas a present-day chapter of vicious, inhuman, degrading brutality which the most sordid day of the Dark Ages could not excel." A late news dispatch says that many resignations of prison officials have been called for. We wrote a former governor of the state with regard to the charges made months ago, but received no answer. How little we know of the horrors that still characterize certain of our prisons! May Texas soon clear her good name from this black stain.



# MANY THOUSANDS FAVORING PLAN

## JACK LONDON MOVEMENT IN BEHALF OF ANIMALS SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Join the Jack London Club by agreeing to withdraw from trained animal performances; or by refusing to patronize such exhibitions, and send your name to *Our Dumb Animals*. Over 334,000 persons have expressed themselves in favor of this plan as the most effective way to prevent cruelty to many thousands of animals.

ONE hundred and one dead monkeys and other animals aboard the *Sutton Hall*, which arrived recently in Boston from Calcutta. How many, having died, were thrown overboard on the voyage we could not learn. This is the way our zoos and so-called amusement parks are supplied with their sad prisoners.

WE wish we could hope that the growing interest in Spain in various athletic sports, such as baseball, would ultimately so detract from the bull-fight as to end it altogether. It is said there is some ground for the hope.

THE Humane Association at Calcutta is investigating complaints of cruelty to monkeys which are being shipped by the carload to Europe and America for gland operations. The native population is aroused, for monkeys are considered sacred.

### BY WAY OF CONTRAST

A FEW years ago we printed a story about a pet African lion, "Tawny," and his cat companion, belonging to Mrs. Herbert Cole of San Francisco. At the bottom of this write-up was an Editor's note as follows: "We devoutly hope nothing may ever occur to arouse the wild spirit of this noble creature and shall watch his career with interest." More recently we have received further accounts of the fine and healthy condition of this now full-grown lion whose existence has been in such unusual contrast to the lot of others of his kind and has so fulfilled our once doubtful expectations that some later details from his owner, who is now Mary E. McMillan of Lankershim, Cal., seem in order. She writes:

"I thought that you would be interested to know that Tawny is now probably the most beautiful specimen of black-maned African lion in this country, that he and his cat are still devoted companions. Several years ago I rescued a young female lion from the brutal hands of a trainer, and have raised her as a mate for Tawny. I felt it was not right to keep him from his own kind, and they are now the proud parents of two strapping children, a male and female, twenty-one months of age. A happy, contented, royal family!

"I secured a home here in the suburbs of Lankershim for my lions. They have a very large inclosure where they can get plenty of exercise, with clean dry sand under their feet, with sunshine and fresh air to revel in. They are sleek and beautiful from the fine beef stew cooked with carrots and onions which they are fed, with milk occasionally for a change. What is most important, I am constantly with them, surrounding them with loving care and giving them human companionship and understanding. I talk to them



"WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE"

(Insert) Mary E. McMillan of Lankershim, Cal.

as if they were children and they understand practically everything I say to them.

"When I came down here some four and a half years ago, I thought I could earn money with my lion for his upkeep, in the pictures, he was so intelligent and gentle, but I was horrified at the things the directors expected to do with him, so promptly gave up the idea. Their disregard for human life is well known, so you can imagine what little consideration they give to animals.

"Being poor, and confined to my home very closely in the care of my animals, it has been a hard struggle and even with all my efforts, time and energy, I could not have kept them comfortable and happy if I had not received help from a few loyal friends who believe in what I am trying to accomplish, and who, as animal lovers, are devoted to my lions. However, I am happy in devoting my life to this cause, and while there is more to be done than I could ever hope to overcome, I can only hope that where I finish others coming after me can keep up the fight.

"I received many letters from animal lovers when stories were written about the lion and cat in San Francisco, and I thought that their admirers would be glad to know that they are alive, happy, and still loving companions. Tawny is a big affectionate baby with malice toward none."

HAVING his attention called to the matter by the Santa Barbara Humane District, Governor William J. Fields of Kentucky directed the County Attorney of Clark County to have indictments drawn against the offenders in a cock fight near Winchester and Paris, Kentucky, with the result that the promoter of the main was fined \$100 and every owner of a game-cock entered in the main, about twenty-five men, were each fined \$10. Pleas of guilty were entered by all of them, and the chicken-pen was destroyed. Governor Fields deserves high credit from all humanitarians for his prompt and vigorous steps in this matter.

### RUTHLESSNESS

ADOLF HOTLEN

WHAT right have I to crush the worm  
That crawls beneath my leaden feet,  
Or, prod the bug to see it squirm,  
Torment the lamb to hear it bleat?  
What right have I to test the gun  
By felling song-birds on the wing,  
And then proclaim, "Oh, this is fun!"  
Just watch me make the songsters sing!"

Have I a right to crush the flower,  
Or pluck its petals—one by one?  
Or tear the grapevine from its tower,  
Then cry for fruit when there is none?  
Have I a right to mar the trees,  
Or lay them low by needless fires?  
Exterminate a hive of bees,  
To gratify my own desires?

No! Man was placed upon this earth  
To rule the field, the beast, the bird—  
The Master King did not give birth  
To man to wreck His works and word.

### ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO THE DOG

IN an eloquent plea in behalf of a dog made before a jury and a crowded court room, at Newton, Mass., Assistant District Attorney Warren L. Bishop said in part:

"I am glad I am privileged as the prosecuting attorney to speak to the men of Middlesex county in behalf of an animal. I am glad to be able to speak in behalf of an animal that cannot speak for himself. God Almighty dropped down among us these animals, faithful friends. The laws of Massachusetts guard their rights just as jealously as they guard the rights of men, women and children.

"Dogs are noble animals; they have served men always. In the great war they were seen fighting side by side with men on the fields of Flanders, and afterwards were decorated by the rulers of every European nation.

"I know you will give to this case the same consideration, the same careful scrutiny, the same high character of deliberation you would give if a man were the victim."

**"BE KIND TO ANIMALS" CONTEST**  
Cash and Subscriptions for Best Ideas on  
How to Observe the Week

FOR the best letters telling how to further and give publicity to the Be Kind to Animals idea, both for the special Week (April 13 to 18 and Humane Sunday, April 19) and throughout the year, the American Humane Education Society offers a first prize of \$15 cash and a second prize of \$10 cash. A year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals* will be given for each of the seven letters judged the next best.

Everybody not in the employ of the American Humane Education Society or of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., is eligible to enter the contest.

The letters should be typewritten on one side of a sheet letter size (about 8½ x 11 inches), and positively may not exceed 150 words in length—the shorter the better. None of the letters will be returned, so contestants are asked to keep a copy of what they write.

All letters should be mailed, *without other enclosures*, but with the name and full address of the writer typed in the upper left corner of the letter, to reach the "Be Kind to Animals Editor," 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass., not later than April 20, 1925.

It is understood that the judgment of the editors of *Our Dumb Animals* shall be final in all matters pertaining to the contest.

## A Plea for the Baby Chick

FRANCES JACOBI-O'MEARA



**C**RUELTY to animals, to me, is personified in the sales of live baby chicks that are held in all large cities at the Easter season. Hundreds of the little fluff balls are put in trays and placed on counters and in windows, even out on the sidewalks, to be mulled over by the heartless public. Children buy them and mistreat them in such manner that often they are dead before they get them home. This practice is nothing short of barbarous and should by all means be stopped. How can our children grow up into the kind of citizens we wish them to be when we so flagrantly

teach them to violate this law of humanity?

There is one effective way to stop this cruelty. If the patrons of stores refuse to buy the live chicks, or, as is often done, refuse to accept them as a prize with Easter purchases, merchants will soon quit offering them for sale, or as prizes.

The illustration is a picture of two large trays which I saw in front of a store last Easter. The chicks were right out in the sun and were gasping for breath. Isn't it worth while trying to do something toward stopping this practice?



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**S. P. C. A. OFFICERS BUSY**

**B**Y the use of automobiles, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. agents have been able to extend their work of investigation farther and farther into the out-of-the-way sections of the state. During the past winter they have reached and remedied many cases of distress and suffering among farm animals. How important it is that the remote, rural districts should be kept under the eye of the humane officer may be seen from the following cases which necessitated prosecution:

A farmer in North Reading had seven head of cattle and a horse. Having mortgaged them heavily in the fall he had met all the payments save one. When Officers Enos and Fuller saw his stock, no feed of any kind was at hand; animals were at the point of starvation and trying to obtain nourishment from refuse and wood. Wide cracks in the sides and roof of the hovel admitted wind and rain, and cattle were standing or lying in frozen filth. The owner was convicted of cruelty and in consideration of his loss in his forfeiture of the animals to the mortgagee, the judge imposed a fine of \$25.

Another flagrant case of cruelty occurred in East Walpole. Benjamin Crognoli, an Italian, hitched his horse to a tree and from a distance of several rods discharged his shotgun into the animal's head. The horse returned to his stable bleeding from many gunshot wounds and the next day was too weak to stand. A policeman was informed of the shooting and mercifully dispatched the horse. S. P. C. A. officers were called in and the Italian was arraigned in court. He was convicted and at first fined \$100. The judge later revoked this sentence and set the penalty at \$50.

**Be Kind to Animals Week April 13-18  
Humane Sunday, April 19, 1925**

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency ALVAN T. FULLER, Governor

#### A PROCLAMATION

In order to insure in a greater degree the humane treatment of dumb animals, the week of April thirteenth to eighteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby set apart and dedicated as

#### BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

and it is desirable that due observance be made to the end that all may be reminded of the duty of considerateness, mercy and fair treatment to every living creature.

Particularly is it desirable that during this week those intrusted with the education of our children should direct their attention to increased thoughtfulness and care to the end that these animals who contribute so greatly to our common welfare receive the kindly thought and sympathetic attention to which they are entitled.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Boston, this tenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

[SEAL]

(Signed) ALVAN T. FULLER

By His Excellency the Governor

(Signed) FREDERIC W. COOK

Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



"ABOU BEN ADAM," KARAKUL FUR SHEEP

### "THY SPEECH MAKETH THEE KNOWN"

FLORENCE JONES HADLEY

IF you ever have thought that your tone in which you speak to people or to dumb animals does not matter, listen to what St. Matthew of long ago found out. "Thy speech maketh thee known," so he says, and it is true now as then.

You know that it is not so much the thing that is said to you that may make your eyes flash and your cheeks flush as it is the way in which it is said. And if you resent a harsh tone of voice, declaring that you will do more any time for the one who uses gentle tones in speaking to you, why doubt that it is the same with dumb creatures?

A loud tone, a shouting to an animal as if it were a mile off always makes it nervous and confused, unable to do its best, and while trying with its might to do what is wanted of it, the loud voice frightens it until it can do nothing. If a horse, very likely he will do the best thing possible, and that is, run off from the sound that jars every sensitive nerve.

A cow that is shouted at when being milked will become frightened and perhaps lay the milkman sprawling while she flees to where there is a calmer atmosphere. A barking dog only barks the louder if shouted at, instead of being spoken to kindly and in a gentle tone.

It is so easy to lose one's temper in dealing with animals, but we should remember that loud tones and anger always show a lack of self-control. And if one cannot control himself, how can he expect to control others, especially the animals of whom God has given him dominion?

Remember when driving your horses and cows into the yard or barn or the chickens into their house that shouting and beating with whips is not only cruel, but entirely unnecessary. A low tone of voice with kindly inflections will work wonders, while the opposite will also work wonders, but not in the way you wish.

Remember that the Bible speaks truly when it says, "Grievous words stir up anger," and when you wish to get the best from your horse, your cow, your dog, show your self-control by using a gentle tone of voice. The man who said he always spoke to his cow as if she were a lady, had found out the secret.

Visit the yards of the man who is the most successful with his stock, and you will find the man who never abuses his animals. I know a most successful farmer who absolutely refuses to have any help on his place who will mistreat any of his animals, even to the use of a loud tone, a threatening of a whip, in driving them. And his horses are never known to run away in fear of a sudden angry shout or a quick blow, his cows never kick over the milk pail from fear of what may happen. And his chickens gather around him like so many friends, while his dog nestles his nose in his master's hand, never thinking that a blow may follow his familiarity.

Try the gentle words, the kind tone with your dumb friends, and see how much better you agree with them.

IT is those things which he is not compelled to do—the just treatment of the helpless—that test the fibre of men's character.

IF only a man be kindly, no one can repulse him. TURGENIEFF



GENE STRATTON-PORTER

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FANNY RUNNELLS POOLE

AND art thou gone, our lady of the birds,  
To whom bird-notes were sweetest words?—

Save those of merry voices children bring  
To hunting flowers in early spring.

Our lady of the woods, who secrets knew  
Of many a wildling nursed by sun and dew!

Not gone—when glowing from the treasured page  
Thy thought is our rich heritage.

Thou wouldst not have the wild ducks cease their  
cheer  
Because thine ears are tuned to other sphere;

Nor the loved cardinal droop his flaming crest  
Because thou goest on the ultimate quest.

Friend, where anew "the joy song of thy soul"  
Shall rise, Heaven keep thee, while the ages roll.

## EXECUTING YOUR OWN WILL

## An Annuity Plan

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and the American Humane Education Society will receive gifts, large or small, entering into a written obligation binding the Society safely to invest the same and to pay the donor for life a reasonable rate of interest, or an annuity for an amount agreed upon. The rate of interest or amount of annuity will necessarily depend upon the age of the donor.

The wide financial experience and high standing of the trustees, Charles G. Bancroft, vice-president of the First National Bank of Boston, Charles E. Rogerson, president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and John R. Macomber, president of Harris, Forbes and Company, to whom are entrusted the care and management of our invested funds, are a guaranty of the security of such an investment.

Persons of comparatively small means may by this arrangement obtain a better income for life than could be had with equal safety by the usual methods of investment, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest, and ultimately promoting the cause of the dumb animals.

The Societies solicit correspondence upon this subject, and will be glad to furnish all further details. Write for "Life Annuities," a pamphlet which will be sent free.

## Confiding Downy

ALVIN M. PETERSON

THE downy woodpecker is a winter bird and also a permanent resident, staying with us all year, winter and summer alike. Imagine how valuable such a bird is when compared with birds that stay with us for from three to six months. Downy is especially valuable in that he has no bad habits and does no harm, but is continually feeding on all sorts of injurious insect pests to be found in and about the trunks and branches of trees. He is one of the most faithful of our feathered tree guardians.

Downy looks a good deal like his cousin, the hairy woodpecker, being black and white in color, the male having a red patch on the back of his head. He is, however, three inches shorter than the hairy and about an inch shorter than the bluebird, being about six inches long. He differs from the hairy in one respect as regards plumage. His outer tail feathers are dotted or barred with black, while the hairy woodpecker's are pure white.

This little woodpecker is generally to be found nesting in trees and stubs along streams or about lakes and ponds, though he also nests in open woods and orchards. Willow stubs seem to be highly prized for nesting purposes. The dead wood of the willow, especially when partly decayed, is soft, enabling this feathered carpenter to excavate a hole with comparative ease. He is often to be found nesting near hairy woodpeckers, tree swallows, wrens, grackles, and flickers, and may have a pair of sapsuckers for neighbors, too. Last summer, I found a tree swallow perched near a tall dead willow. I suspected that the willow contained a swallow's nest and rapped on it, when to my surprise a downy woodpecker emerged from one hole and a tree swallow from another a little farther up. This willow was a two-story bird flat with downy woodpeckers in the lower flat and tree swallows in the upper. A pair of hairy woodpeckers, a pair of flickers as well as another pair of tree swallows had nests within two or three rods of this bird flat.

Woodpeckers do not surround their young with feathers, fur, and other soft materials as

do chickadees, tree swallows, and nuthatches. The eggs are laid on the bottom of the nesting hole or on a few chips scattered over the bottom. Downy woodpeckers have from three to six eggs, the usual number being five.

The downy woodpecker is a confiding little bird, fearing man but little. Rap on a stub containing a nest, and likely as not the mother bird will appear in the entrance hole for a look at you. Then she may fly off a short distance with a note or two of protest, or she may back down again to the nest and continue incubating her eggs.

Downy's most common call note is his familiar "peek." It is much like the hairy's common call note, but not as sharp and loud. Sometimes this bird utters a series of rolling notes. Downy does not sing though he is a famous feathered drummer. He selects dry resonant limbs and hammers on them with his stout bill producing his characteristic "rat-a-tat-tat" notes.

Downy woodpeckers can easily be attracted to our homes because of their confiding disposition. Nesting boxes may be made for them for use during the nesting season. Make the box four by four by eight inches, with an entrance hole one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and fasten it to a tree from ten to twelve feet from the ground. In case this is not used for nesting purposes, it may be used for a shelter during bad weather. Downies appreciate a bite to eat during the winter months. Tie a piece of suet to a tree or post and notice how soon a hungry bird finds it. Your first visitor may be a nuthatch, or an English sparrow, but they are good advertisers and soon downy has heard the good news and pays you a visit. Nor does it make any difference whether you live in the country or city, for downy is equally at home in either, provided there are plenty of trees.

Evidently downy woodpecker holes are highly prized by other birds for nesting purposes. A few years ago, I found a bluebird perched near a willow stub sputtering as though troubled about something. I noticed that the stub had a neat hole in it and I rapped at its base with a stick. A moment later a downy woodpecker stuck his head out of the hole to see what was the matter. That explained the bluebird's actions. He and downy apparently wanted the same hole for nesting purposes. But downy was a shrewd fellow and believed that possession was half the battle, for he not only took possession of the hole, but camped there. Last spring, I found a downy's nest in a willow stub less than a rod from a good-sized stream. One day I found that this downy was having a hard time because three house wrens were trying to get his nesting hole. First downy was forced to chase off one wren, then a second, and finally a third. In this instance, downy won out, and the wrens, a pair of the three, were forced to nest in a hole in a willow less than three rods away.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS, or THIS IS BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK, should be written on every blackboard in every school in the United States during that week. School superintendents will gladly assist in the proper observance of the week, if approached in time.



DOWNY WOODPECKER ENJOYING A WINTER MEAL

## Our Dumb Animals

Published on the first Tuesday of each month by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 696 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Boston office, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston 17, Mass.

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FOR TERMS, see inside front cover.

AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts of over 800 words in length, nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. Full return postage should be enclosed with each manuscript submitted.

### IT MUST BE STOPPED

WE refer to the wholly cruel and shameful act of cropping dogs' ears. For what reason is this done? Because in kennel clubs certain dogs have no chance for prize winning unless thus mutilated. Of the practice Dr. J. C. Glynn of Kansas City says:—

"Whenever I trimmed a pair of ears and looked at the poor, bleeding, mutilated dog and watched him look at me with fear and trembling every time he was brought into the room for treatment each day for the following two or three weeks, and saw him grow thin and weak from pain and suffering, and in after months when brought to me for other treatment, saw him refuse to enter my hospital and shrink from me when I attempted to handle him, I felt pretty small and realized that I did not deserve the confidence of a dog."

If there isn't humanity enough in the hearts of the officials of kennel clubs in this country to stop this cruelty, dog shows will soon find a storm of denunciation coming down upon them and all decent people urged to keep away from them.

In England, King Edward, we are told, took a stand against cropping and it was stopped. No cropped dog in England has any standing in a show, but in this country the cruel practice continues and some persons, who pretend to love dogs most, are among the first to inflict pain upon their pets.

### A RESCUE

FROM a friend in Indianapolis comes this story of human interest in a suffering dog:

It was Wednesday noon and four men, who were riding in a car in the fifty-sixth block in Meridian Street, saw a shivering little collie dog wedged between the ice in the canal near the Illinois Street bridge. They alighted and, finding the ice too thin on the south side to rescue the whimpering animal, one of the men went to the other side and, after throwing broken pieces of tile ahead of the dog, whose paws and head were above the water, in order to break the ice and give the dog a chance to swim out, he crawled on his hands and knees and finally grasped the dog's left paw and brought him to land. The collie, although weakened by his many hours in the water, shook himself and, wagging his tail, followed his new friend to the canal bank.

But this was not all. The proprietor of a chicken dinner house took the shivering dog into his home and gave him what was probably the greatest dinner of his life.

### AN EDITORIAL WORTH READING Cruelty and Sentiment

UNDER this caption there appeared recently in *The London Times* so excellent an editorial that we cannot refrain from giving it to our readers:

Every now and then the newspapers announce the punishment of some man, or of some woman, for an act of such revolting cruelty to an animal that the reader for a moment "sees red," and feels that gladly, with his own hands, would he inflict torture on the offender. No punishment seems at such moments too severe for such a crime. That feeling, like all vengeful feelings, is to be distrusted. Certainly not all informed and considered opinion maintains that severe punishment will help to teach the required lesson, which in this case is the lesson of gentleness and of sensibility to suffering. It is the more to be distrusted because a greater number of people than would care to admit it find themselves, in cooler moments, quite prepared to defend on the ground of sport or traditional custom practices which others of a finer sensibility will condemn. Opinion on what should be man's attitude towards animals in general, as opposed to certain familiar and domesticated animals, is full of inconsistencies; and so it comes about that even kindly persons, who are ready enough to show mercy to many creatures and yet withhold it from others, are inclined to profess amusement at the labors of those who concern themselves actively with the prevention of cruelty to animals. Are there no human beings, they ask illogically, to be protected against cruelty? Preoccupation with the woes of animals they believe erroneously to preclude any great care for the woes of human beings; they call persons so preoccupied sentimentalists, misusing a name which can only be applied to those whose sensitiveness leads to nothing but an indulgence of the imagination. But the truth is that sentimentalism has nothing to do with the active ministry of those who work for the friends called by our patronage "dumb" because their ways of speech are not our own. The champions of ill-used animals know that in serving the brute creation they are at the same time serving man.

The lower the form of life, we are apt to think, the less responsibility we have towards it; and, unless we would find ourselves tangled in an Oriental subtlety with regard to all life, we may accept the rough gradation. We cannot so readily blame a child for prodding sea-anemones as for teasing kittens. And yet the more we learn about animals from those with a genius for understanding them—the more we read, say, of the writings of Miss Frances Pitt—the more intelligence and wealth of possibility shall we see in the animal creation; and the more clearly shall we discern the likelihood of an unsuspected capacity for suffering in the lower forms of life. But our responsibility is not to the animals only: it is much greater to ourselves. Any act of cruelty, even any act of negligence, committed on an animal is as injurious to the doer as an act of cruelty or of negligence to a human being; and the injury is all the more dangerous because he does not suspect that he is incurring it. The effect of it is to dull and deaden the sympathies, to begin or to increase an indifference which is certain to coarsen the fibre both of emotion and of spirit, and therefore infallibly to induce in the cruel person some measure of hardness or brutality in his

dealings also, with his fellow-men. Once we realize that cruelty is as bad for the cruel as for the victim, it becomes clear that those who work for the protection of animals against man are working also for the protection of man against himself. And since far more cruel things are done through ignorance and insensibility than through a morbid love of inflicting pain, the champions of animals may be discerned as doing for man a very valuable work of education. When cruelty to animals has disappeared from earth, cruelty to man will have disappeared with it.

### "SNOWBALL," THE WHITE MULE

THIS fine old mule, grown old in the service of the United States, it was reported some weeks ago had been sold at auction. This was hard to believe. We wrote the commanding officer at Fort Douglas, Utah, for the facts, and gladly publish the letter, especially for the credit of the army:

HEADQUARTERS FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH  
Office of the Commanding Officer

February 13, 1925

Dr. Francis H. Rowley,  
170-184 Longwood Avenue,  
Back Bay Station,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28, 1925, and I wish to advise you that the article referred to is in error. The white mule which was disposed of at auction sale was not "Snowball," and this animal was not condemned for old age.

"Snowball" remains the property of the Government and is kept at the Quartermaster stables at this post. He is cared for in an efficient manner.

Army regulations require that old animals be humanely destroyed when old age renders them unserviceable and when their condition is such that to sell them would be cruel. Any animal which is condemned and sold is serviceable to a certain degree for civilian purposes. Animals chronically lame and so disabled that they cannot be restored to health are destroyed in a humane manner.

With apologies for the delay in replying to your letter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. L. KNUDSEN

Colonel, 38th Infantry, Commanding

### A PART OF THE TRAGEDY

THE father of Floyd Collins who died recently, caught by the leg in a cave, it seems years ago took up trapping and in the winter of 1917, we are told by a correspondent of the *Boston Post*, Floyd saw a groundhog disappear into a "sink" on his father's farm. He spent many days working in the snow enlarging the opening down which the ground hog disappeared, and finally opened the tunnel sufficiently to permit access in comfort to the main cavern. Long afterwards he found inside the entrance his trap with the foot of a ground hog still fast in it.

WHETHER there is a humane society in your community or not, observe Be Kind to Animals Week by having posters bearing the announcement placed in conspicuous places and slides exhibited in moving-picture houses. Also ask the authorities to observe Humane Day in schools, April 17.



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### MONTHLY REPORT

Cases investigated	494
Animals examined	3,312
Number of prosecutions	12
Number of convictions	12
Horses taken from work	67
Horses humanely put to sleep	80
Small animals humanely put to sleep	534
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	
Animals inspected	25,058
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep	90

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. acknowledges gifts during February of \$135 from Miss M. E. A., \$35 of which is for endowment of a free dog kennel, for one year, "in memory of Don"; \$100 each from S. M. M., Miss C. E. W., F. H. B., E. P. B., Miss C. P., Mrs. D. G., W. C. H., and E. S. W.; \$75 from Miss C. L. D.; \$50 each from Mrs. H. M. B., Miss E. M. C., Miss H. L., C. P. R., Mrs. W. M. K., Miss E. F. M., Mrs. C. E. H. P., Mrs. E. R. T., C. T. C., N. P. F., E. A. C., Miss E. S. P., and Mrs. F. C. H.; \$40 from Mrs. A. A. P. H.; \$30 from G. A. C.; \$25 each from H. D. B., Miss E. G. H., M. T. H., Mrs. L. L., Mrs. E. D. N., J. D. W., Miss A. P. C., W. S., Mrs. E. E. W., Mrs. W. M. W., W. B. P. W., H. H. H., R. H. H., C. W. L., A. F. P., F. W. S., J. G. P., Miss R. W., H. W. C., M. I. N., Miss L. H., Dr. G. A. B., G. C., Hon. P. A. D., A. H. E., Mrs. W. S. F., Miss M. A. S., Miss A. T., J. G. W., W. A. R., Dr. J. C. W., L. S. McC., Miss E. P. D., Mrs. F. J. C., F. A. H., J. L., Mrs. L. P. Y., Miss M. L. C., W. A. G., M. T. R., and Mrs. C. P. R.; and \$20 each from E. M. G., H. V. G., L. P. O., Miss C. E. P., E. P. H., A. S. J., B. Bros. Co., Col. and Mrs. E. H. E., C. H. P., Miss M. L., Mrs. R. M. S., G. W., and Mrs. E. W. E.

The Society has been remembered in the wills of Mrs. Henrietta Arnold of Hudson, Franklin P. Bond of Medford, Edward A. Carroll of Boston and Sarah B. Baxter of Sharon, Vt.

The American Humane Education Society has received a gift of \$200 from two New York friends.

March 10, 1925.

Angell Memorial Animal Hospital  
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### FREE Dispensary for Animals

Treatment for sick or injured animals.

Hours from 2 to 4, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Saturday, from 11 to 1.

### HOSPITAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Hospital	Free Dispensary
Cases entered 581	Cases 1,081
Dogs 392	Dogs 761
Cats 162	Cats 312
Horses 22	Birds 4
Birds 3	Horses 3
Goat 1	Rabbit 1
Monkey 1	
Operations 428	
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, '15, 46,623	
Free Dispensary cases 65,289	
Total 111,912	

### SPRINGFIELD

#### Changes Necessitated by the Death of Dexter A. Atkins

AFTER many years of service in Springfield as the representative of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Mr. Atkins suddenly passed away February 10. He had long held the confidence of the community and was regarded as a faithful officer of the Society. His death has necessitated quite a material change in the Society's activities in the four western counties of the state.

We have sent one of our ablest officers, Mr. Theodore W. Pearson, to Springfield, where he will have his headquarters in the offices occupied formerly by Mr. Atkins. He will have entire charge of the four counties, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire. A new officer, Dr. Charles B. Shaw, under his direction will have headquarters in Pittsfield, and with their automobiles and the coöperation of local assistants it is the purpose of the Society to cover that territory, and especially the country regions where cruelty is often most prevalent, in a more thorough and efficient manner than it has ever been able to do before.

### POISON FIEND CONVICTED

UPON complaint of a neighbor the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals investigated the case of a woman of means who placed out poisoned wheat to destroy her neighbor's chickens. One hundred and twenty-five chickens were found dead the next morning. The Society prosecuted the woman, who was convicted in the Superior Court and fined \$300 or sixty days' imprisonment. She paid the fine.

Free stalls and kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital may be endowed by individuals. Seventy-five dollars a year for a horse stall, thirty-five dollars a year for a kennel. Stalls and kennels are marked with the names of the donors.

### EBEN. SHUTE AT REST

Treasurer of Massachusetts S. P. C. A. Closes Final Account February 20

ON the last day of January the beloved Treasurer of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and of the American Humane Education Society was in his office as usual. Though in his eighty-seventh year, he had been able to attend to his duties with rare punctuality and unflinching faithfulness.

It is hard to find words to express to those who never knew him all that the personality of Eben. Shute meant to his associates and friends. Mr. Angell, who had called him to the Society, used to say that he liked to have Mr. Shute about because he sent away in good humor everyone who visited the office. More than one of Mr. Shute's friends, since his passing, on February 20, 1925, has said: "He was the most lovable man I ever knew." What more can be added here? His devotion to the work of the Society, the affairs of which were the subject of his last words; his generous but quiet philanthropy; his always cheerful greetings—these are but a few of the memories that make his name blessed.

Eben. Shute was born in Boston August 20, 1838. He was a classmate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan in the English High School. After graduation he worked in a book-store and later conducted a store of his own, carrying Sunday-school supplies, etc., first in Cornhill and later in Bromfield Street. During the Civil War Mr. Shute went South with the Christian Commission. Later he was identified with the North End Mission in Boston. For twenty-five years he was superintendent of the Clarendon Street Baptist Sunday-school, later transferring his church membership to the Baptist Church in Newton Center.

Mr. Shute came to the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. first as a collector. He soon became a practical assistant both to the treasurer and secretary, and in 1897 was elected Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of the corporation. Upon the death of Treasurer Henry B. Hill, in 1913, Mr. Shute was elected Treasurer both of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and of the American Humane Education Society and a Director of the former organization, which offices he held at the time of his death.

In 1878 Mr. Shute married Nannie J. Morgan of Boston, who died about twenty-five years ago. Their children are Dorothea Shute, a graduate of Boston University, now teaching at the House-in-the-Pines school, Norton, Mass., and Eben. M. Shute, of Springfield, Mass.

A host of friends, including a large representation from the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., attended the services held at the house in Newton Center, Sunday, February 22, when Rev. Charles N. Arbuckle, his pastor, and President Francis H. Rowley, for fifteen years his intimate associate, spoke words of appreciation of his life and work.

NEWSPAPERS, churches, schools, moving-picture houses (with slides)—all are responsive to requests for publicity for Be Kind to Animals. What will you, reader, do in your community?

WHEN I look on beautiful furs, I think of the fever, and the thirst, and the pain.

SARA TEASDALE

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### NEW SOCIETY IN PALO ALTO

WE are glad to note the rapid growth of the Humane Society in Palo Alto, California, organized a few months ago. It now has a membership of more than 100. It will be represented by a delegate at the seventeenth annual convention of the State Humane Association at Riverside, April 23-25.

A humane officer has been appointed in Palo Alto. Temporary kennels have been built on the grounds of one of the members to serve as a shelter for small animals, several of which have been placed in homes. Dr. E. R. Tait is president of the new organization.

### THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

TORTURE should have no place in punishment, yet if the report of eye-witnesses present at a recent execution at Sing Sing can be trusted, death by electricity would appear to involve a possibility of agony beyond description. The story told by the eye-witnesses just referred to is too horrible and ghastly for us to reproduce here. Just what it may mean to the criminal no man knows, for no one has ever risen from the gruesome chair to tell the tale, though certain physicians have believed, if given the opportunity, they could restore to consciousness after the mysterious current had convulsed and burned the body.

The other day a dog in Fitchburg at the Beech Street Station of the New England Power Company, it is said, shocked by a current of 13,000 volts, was revived after two hours, and, though severely burned, recovered. A 2,000-volt, 9-ampere charge, we are told, is what is used at Sing Sing; the voltage is 1900 in Massachusetts. From the lips of those who have suffered from contact with the electric current, losing consciousness, but restored to it, we have heard of the torment as appalling.

Whatever may be one's opinion as to the death penalty, no one, we believe, will deny the assertion that the State is justified in doing no more than taking the life of the murderer and this in a manner free from any suggestion of torture. Even a life for a life may come far short of meeting the claims of Justice, but beyond this, in our day at least, punishment is not supposed to go. If the death penalty will not restrain from murder, neither will death by torture.

### SOULS OF MEN AND BEASTS

TO me, every heart that beats is a spark from the breath of God. I believe that the warm and beating heart in the breast of a singing robin is as precious to the Creator of things as the heart of a man counting money."

"I have found that the soul of the average beast is cleaner of hate and of malice than that of the average man."

JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD in "God's Country"

BE Kind to Animals Week is the best time to do what you can for the cause of animals.

### PRIZES FOR NEWSPAPER CARTOONS \$30 and \$20 for Best "Be Kind to Animals" Drawings Used in April

FOR the best cartoon published in any periodical in the United States during the month of April, 1925, illustrating the BE KIND TO ANIMALS idea, a prize of \$30 cash will be paid to the artist by *Our Dumb Animals*, and for the second best, a cash prize of \$20.

It is requested that such cartoons appear in the press during BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK, April 13 to 18, or on HUMANE SUNDAY, April 19, but cartoons published in any periodical on any day in April, 1925, will be admitted to the contest, provided copies of the papers containing them are received at the office of *Our Dumb Animals* not later than May 10, 1925.

All entries, which should show name and date of periodical, and be accompanied by name and address of the artist, should be addressed to Cartoon Contest Editor, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass. The prizes will be forwarded to the winning artists not later than May 15, 1925.

Unpublished cartoons will not be eligible in this contest, the object of which is to secure the greatest possible press publicity for the principle involved in the words BE KIND TO ANIMALS.

It is understood that the judgment of the editors of *Our Dumb Animals* shall be final in all points relating to the contest.

### FROM "THE LOUISVILLE TIMES"

A LARGE tournament is advertised on a farm near Winchester and Paris, Kentucky, for Jan. 8," says *Our Dumb Animals*, referring to a December issue of *Grit and Steel*.

That cock-fight was held. It was reported. Fines were paid by some of those who participated in it, but they were not large enough to be of as much value as the publicity which was given to the cock-fight by a reporter for *The Courier-Journal* who was there incognito.

The next Kentucky Legislature should pass a law providing jail sentences for promoting, suffering or participating in cock-fights. Kentucky would not then be advertised as the scene of approaching "tournaments."



"THE DEFENDER OF THE HELPLESS"

Slogan on back of Float of Susquehanna County Humane Society in Centennial Celebration at Montrose, Pa., last summer

# DECEASED FRIENDS WHO MADE BEQUESTS TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Mrs. Mehitabel M. C. Copenhagen, Boston	1871	Mrs. Mary B. Emmons, Boston	1893	Arioch Wentworth, Boston	1903
Seth Adams, Boston	1875	Mrs. Clarissa A. Freeman, Stoneham	1893	Jerome B. Westgate, Fall River	1903
Amasa Clapp, Dorchester	1875	Mrs. Sarah R. Osgood, New York, N. Y.	1893	Miss Elizabeth A. Whitney, Boston	1903
Hiram Cross, Northfield, N. H.	1875	Miss Elizabeth Blanchard, Lowell	1894	Mrs. Eliza J. Chamberlain, Stafford, Conn.	1904
Frederick May, Medford	1875	Miss Hannah Louisa Brown, Boston	1894	Mrs. Emma L. Conant, Portland, Me.	1904
Mrs. Josiah Vose, Boston	1875	Samuel G. Child, Boston	1894	Mrs. Mary F. S. Gifford, New Bedford	1904
Mrs. Harriet A. Deland, Salem	1876	Caleb C. Gilbert, Bridgewater	1894	Miss Sarah D. White, Middleboro	1904
Dr. William W. Moreland, Boston	1876	Henry C. Hutchins, Boston	1894	Mrs. William Appleton, Boston	1905
Miss Eliza Powers, Roxbury	1876	Mrs. Anne E. Lambert, Boston	1894	Charles Tidd Baker, Boston	1905
Miss Sallie S. Sylvester, Leicester	1876	Stephen G. Nash, Lynnfield	1894	Miss Florence J. Bigelow, Boston	1905
Christopher W. Bellows, Pepperell	1877	Mrs. Frances E. Pomeroy, So. Hadley	1894	Miss Ellen M. Boyden, Boston	1905
Gardner Chilson, Boston	1877	William F. A. Sill, Windsor, Conn.	1894	Mrs. Henrietta L. Cook, Plainfield	1905
C. Haven Dexter, Boston	1877	Maturin M. Ballou, Boston	1895	Mrs. Alice B. Faulkner, Plymouth	1905
Geo. A. Hassam, Manchester, N. H.	1877	Mrs. Edward H. Eldridge, Newton	1895	Mrs. Sarah E. French, Randolph	1905
Miss Eliza Jenkins, Scituate	1877	Albert Glover, Boston	1895	Mrs. Ellen K. Gardner, Worcester	1905
Miss Jane R. Sever, Kingston	1877	Mrs. Lydia A. McIntire, Boston	1895	Mrs. N. H. Hutchinson, Nashua, N. H.	1905
Miss Susan Tufts, Weymouth	1877	Miss Mary D. Moody, Bath, Me.	1895	Miss Mary E. Stewart, Boston	1905
Mrs. Mary E. Keith, Boston	1878	Miss Mary I. Parker, Clinton	1895	Miss Elizabeth E. Maxwell, Milton	1905
James P. Thorndike, Boston	1878	Julius Paul, Boston	1895	Mrs. Mary E. Meredith, Boston	1905
Mrs. Ellen H. Flint, Leicester	1879	Aaron W. Spencer, Boston	1895	Mrs. Mary P. O'Connor, Mazomanie, Wis.	1905
Miss Elizabeth Jackson, Roxbury	1879	Mrs. Christina D. Webber, Arlington	1895	Miss Anna R. Palfrey, Cambridge	1905
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Morton, So. Boston	1879	Miss Sarah W. Whitney, Boston	1895	Mrs. Louisa G. Perkins, Newton	1905
James W. Palmer, Concord	1879	Mrs. Eunice R. Dodge, Ausable, N. Y.	1896	Jackson Knyvet Sears, Boston	1905
Miss Margaret E. C. White, Boston	1880	Miss Elizabeth Dow, Andover	1896	Mrs. Clara E. Stearns, Somerville	1905
Simon P. Adams, Charlestown	1880	Dr. Eugene F. Dunbar, Boston	1896	Miss Mary E. Stewart, Boston	1905
Mrs. M. K. A. Benchley, Ithaca, N. Y.	1880	Mrs. Harriet E. Henshaw, Leicester	1896	Mrs. Julia B. Thayer, Keene, N. H.	1905
Mrs. Lydia Maria Child, Wayland	1880	Martin Howard, Fitchburg	1896	Elisha W. Willard, Middletown, R. I.	1905
Miss Elizabeth S. Lobdell, Boston	1880	Mrs. Lydia W. Howland, New Bedford	1896	Edward S. Wood, Bourne	1905
Mrs. Mary F. Ripley, South Hingham	1880	Miss Hannah W. Rounds, Newburyport	1896	Mrs. Henrietta D. Woodman, Fairhaven	1905
Rev. C. T. Thayer, Boston	1880	Miss Elizabeth Torrey, Cambridge	1896	Mrs. S. Alnira Alden, Boston	1906
Mrs. Amelia F. Wood, Boston	1880	Miss Eliza Wagstaff, Boston	1896	Mrs. Mertie I. Armstrong, Chelsea	1906
William Ashby, Salem	1881	Mrs. John W. James, Boston	1897	Mrs. Abbie H. Ritz, Somerville	1906
Mrs. Sophia Towne Darrah, Boston	1881	Dr. Edward K. Baxter, Sharon, Vt.	1897	Miss Elizabeth E. Boyd, Freedom, N. H.	1906
Charles Lyman, Boston	1881	Mrs. James Freeman Clarke, Boston	1897	Mrs. Ellen A. Fisher, N. Amherst	1906
Charles Tidd, Lexington	1881	Mrs. Samuel C. Cobb, Boston	1897	Edward Gerrish, Cambridge	1906
Miss Sarah A. Whitney, Boston	1882	Mrs. Jeremiah Colburn, Brookline	1897	Mrs. Rebecca A. Greene, Dartmouth	1906
Mrs. Anne Ashby, Newburyport	1883	Mrs. William S. Eaton, Boston	1897	Mrs. Julie E. Hannis, Leominster	1906
John W. Estabrooks, Boston	1883	John Foster, Boston	1897	Charles Merriam, Boston	1906
Mrs. Joseph Lasgi, Boston	1883	Mrs. Ellen B. French, Beloit, Wis.	1897	Miss Martha Remick, Everett	1906
Augustus Story, Salem	1883	Mrs. John W. James, Boston	1897	Mrs. Abbie H. Ritz, Somerville	1906
Mrs. A. C. Thayer, Boston	1883	Mrs. Frances A. Moseley, Boston	1897	Mrs. Eliza A. Robinson, Boston	1906
Elisha V. Ashton, Boston	1884	Miss Sue M. Ransom, Cambridge	1897	Mrs. Lucretia W. Torr, Andover	1906
Miss Anna M. Briggs, New Bedford	1884	Miss Edith Rotech, Lenox	1897	Miss Joanna C. Thompson, Holliston	1906
Mrs. Cynthia E. Gwin, Fitzwilliam, N. H.	1884	Mrs. Cemantha Waters, Webster	1897	David True, Amesbury	1906
Joanna A. Stanford, Boston	1884	Mrs. Mary Alvord, Chicopee	1898	Mrs. Abbie L. Brown, Malden	1907
Mrs. Augusta B. Thayer, Boston	1884	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bacon, Boston	1898	Mrs. Mary A. L. Brown, West Brookfield	1907
Mrs. Fennel Tudor, Boston	1884	Mrs. L. H. B. Harding, Barre	1898	Mrs. Josephine A. Eddy, Webster	1907
Seth J. Ventress, Marshfield	1884	Mrs. L. H. B. Harding, Barre	1898	Mrs. Sarah E. Wall, Worcester	1907
Mrs. Louisa Ann Adams, Boston	1885	Mrs. Caroline W. Oxnard, Boston	1898	Mrs. Emily S. Emerson, Webster	1907
Robert K. Darrah, Boston	1885	Mrs. Lucy A. Woodman, Boston	1898	Mrs. Susan E. Gavett, Boston	1907
Miss Mary Elizabeth Davis, Boston	1885	Mrs. Maria E. Ames, Concord	1899	Miss Martha Harrington, Waltham	1907
Miss Caroline Follansbee, Salem	1885	Mrs. Caroline S. Barnard, Boston	1899	Mrs. Hannah C. Herrick, Chelsea	1907
Edward Lawrence, Charlestown	1885	Ezra Forristall, Jr., Chelsea	1899	Miss Caroline W. Hill, Sutton	1907
Nathaniel Meriam, Boston	1885	John Holmes, Cambridge	1899	Miss Florence Lyman, Boston	1907
Mrs. Sarah H. Dux, Boston	1885	Mrs. Hannah W. Loring, Newton	1899	Miss Catherine D. Scott, Pulaski, Pa.	1907
Thomas E. Upham, Dorchester	1885	Charles F. Smith, Boston	1899	Miss Sarah E. Wall, Worcester	1907
Mrs. James M. Beebe, Boston	1886	Edwin D. Spinner, Spinnerstown, Pa.	1899	Miss Augusta Wells, Hatfield	1907
Mrs. Margaret A. Brigham, Boston	1886	Zina E. Stone, Lowell	1899	Miss Maria P. Whitney, Saugus	1907
Mrs. Catherine C. Humphreys, Dorchester	1886	Mrs. Almira P. Balch, Boston	1900	Mrs. Caroline E. Whitcomb, Boston	1907
Daniel D. Kelley, East Boston	1886	Miss Frances E. Bangs, Boston	1900	Mrs. Mary C. Wilder, Boston	1907
Benjamin Thaxter, Boston	1886	Thompson Baxter, Boston	1900	Miss Martha E. Bailey, Newton	1908
Panela H. Beal, Kingston	1887	George H. Carleton, Georgetown	1900	Miss Alice Byington, Stockbridge	1908
Dorothea L. Dix, Boston	1887	Mrs. Charles F. Daby, Harvard	1900	Miss Elizabeth D. Chapin, Worcester	1908
Charles Gardner Emmons, Boston	1887	Mrs. Anna E. Keyes, Newbury, Vt.	1900	Caleb Chase, Brookline	1908
Henry Gassett, Dorchester	1887	Mrs. Mary K. Northey, Andover	1900	John J. Hicks, New Bedford	1908
Mrs. Lydia Hooker, West Roxbury	1887	Mrs. Rebecca G. Swift, W. Falmouth	1900	Miss Elizabeth B. Hilles, Wilmington, Del.	1908
Eliza A. W. Rogers, Boston	1887	Mrs. Isabella B. Tenney, Winchester	1900	Mrs. Annie L. Lowry, Philadelphia	1908
Ebenezer George Tucker, Canton	1887	Mrs. Susan B. Thompson, Worcester	1900	Mrs. Mary Elliot Malt, Boston	1908
Moses Wildes, 2d, Cambridge	1887	James Wright, Reading	1900	Mrs. Cornelia P. Matthes, New Bedford	1908
Mrs. Mary Ann Wilson, Boston	1887	Edward L. Browne, Boston	1901	Miss Sarah E. Ward, Boston	1908
Edward A. Brooks, Northampton	1888	Mrs. Catherine F. Daby, Harvard	1901	Miss Sarah E. Abbott, Cambridge	1909
Wm. T. Carlton, Dorchester	1888	Mrs. Hannah M. Castell, Boston	1901	Geo. T. Angell, Boston	1909
James Freeman Clarke, D.D., Boston	1888	Mrs. Amelia M. Forbes, Boston	1901	Mrs. Isabel F. Cobb, New Bedford	1909
Oliver Ditson, Boston	1888	Miss Matilda Goddard, Boston	1901	Charles H. Draper, Brookline	1909
Miss Mary Eveleth, Salem	1888	Charles H. Hayden, Boston	1901	Miss Ellen T. Emerson, Concord	1909
Addison Gilbert, Gloucester	1888	Miss Harriet M. Jennings, Springfield	1901	Mrs. Eliza C. Grenville, Newburyport	1909
Miss Lydia B. Harrington, Waltham	1888	Mrs. Elizabeth G. Leonard, New Bedford	1901	Mrs. Mary J. Heywood, Chelsea	1909
David E. Merriam, Leicester	1888	Mrs. Mary Rothwell, Worcester	1901	Clarence W. Jones, Brookline	1909
Mrs. Levisia R. Urbino, Boston	1888	Miss Mary Shannon, Newton	1901	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble, Mansfield	1909
Ellen Craft, Brookline	1889	Mrs. Ann E. Taggard, Boston	1901	Francis F. Parker, Chicopee	1909
Mrs. James B. Dow, Boston	1889	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Ward, Boston	1901	Albert A. Pope, Cohasset	1909
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, New Haven, Conn.	1889	Miss Susan J. White, Boston	1901	Mrs. Margaret E. Robinson, Jamaica Plain	1909
Geo. B. Hyde, Boston	1889	Miss S. Maria Bailey, Boston	1902	Mrs. Catherine S. Rogers, Milton	1909
Albert Phipps, Newton	1889	Miss Jane E. Ball, Keene, N. H.	1902	Mrs. Clara Snow, Brockton	1909
Samuel E. Sawyer, Gloucester	1889	Miss Mary Bartol, Boston	1902	Miss Miriam S. Shattuck, Boston	1909
David Simonds, Boston	1889	Robert C. Billings, Boston	1902	Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes, N. Y. City	1909
Samuel G. Simpkins, Boston	1889	Miss Anna M. Clarke, Boston	1902	Mrs. Ida F. Taft, Milford	1909
John J. Soren, Boston	1889	Miss Lydia A. Crocker, Central Falls, R. I.	1902	Rev. J. Nelson Trask, Orange	1909
Mrs. Eliza Sutton, Peabody	1889	Francis B. Dumaresq, Boston	1902	Mrs. Mary H. Witherle, Concord	1909
Mrs. Anna L. Baker, Boston	1890	Mrs. Susan W. Farwell, Boston	1902	Nathaniel G. Bagley, Fitchburg	1910
Mrs. Mary Blaisdell, Stoneham	1890	Miss A. L. Faulkner, Santa Barbara, Cal.	1902	Miss Mary A. Borden, Fall River	1910
Mrs. Mary H. Clapp, Boston	1890	Mrs. Hannah Gamage, Boston	1902	Miss Martha M. Buttrick, Lowell	1910
John S. Farlow, Newton	1890	Joseph B. Glover, Boston	1902	Miss Elizabeth F. Capen, Dedham	1910
Mrs. Anna L. Mering, Cambridge	1890	Edwin A. W. H. Broome, M.D., Quincy	1902	Miss Carrie E. Abbott, Brookline	1910
Miss Eliza A. Shillab, Brighton	1890	Mrs. Kate Hoyle, Malden	1902	Miss Alice M. Daniels, Worcester	1910
David W. Simonds, Boston	1890	Thomas Leverett, Boston	1902	Mrs. Mary E. Eaton, Brookline	1910
Henry Thielburg, Boston	1890	Miss Lucy J. Parker, Boston	1902	Mrs. Susan E. B. Forbes, Byfield	1910
Mrs. Anna S. Townsend, Boston	1890	Mrs. Ruth B. Snell, New Bedford	1902	Mrs. David W. Foster, Boston	1910
Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson, Cambridge	1890	Alexander Tripp, Fairhaven	1902	Miss Margaret W. Frothingham, Cambridge	1910
Hon. Samuel C. Cobb, Boston	1891	Mrs. Harriet Welsh, Boston	1902	Mrs. Emma C. Gallagher, Boston	1910
Miss Laura Ham, Georgetown	1891	William S. Appleton, Boston	1903	Miss Martha F. Harney, Lynn	1910
Mrs. Elizabeth Nadeau, Worcester	1891	Mrs. Mary Shannon, Newton	1903	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble, Mansfield	1910
John B. Tolman, Lynn	1891	George W. Boyd, Boston	1903	Mrs. Lillie B. Hill, Malden	1910
Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, Boston	1891	Joseph H. Center, Boston	1903	Miss Emma Frances Hovey, Woburn	1910
Edward A. White, Boston	1891	Miss Mary E. Deering, South Paris, Me.	1903	Miss Martha R. Hunt, Somerville	1910
Mrs. Elisha V. Ashton, Boston	1892	Edward De La Granja, Boston	1903	Lorenzo N. Kettle, Boston	1910
Miss Sarah J. Brown, Lynn	1892	Miss Sophia M. Hale, Walpole	1903	Rev. John C. Kimball, Greenfield	1910
Mrs. Priscilla P. Burridge, Malden	1892	Mrs. Caroline Howard, Fitchburg	1903	Miss Mary D. Leland, Worcester	1910
Mrs. Mary Currier, Brookline	1892	Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, Boston	1903	Mrs. Rachel M. Lewis, Boston	1910
Dr. Phay E. Earle, Northampton	1892	Mrs. Lucy Kutter, Boston	1903	Miss Caroline M. Carter, Dover, N. H.	1910
Mrs. Lidian Emerson, Concord	1892	Miss Jeannie Paine, Cambridge	1903	Mrs. W. F. Matchett, Brookline	1910
Mrs. Anna E. Brown, Quincy, Ill.	1893	Charles H. Prescott, Harvard	1903	Mrs. Wm. O. Moseley, Newburyport	1910
Miss Margaret A. Capen, Boston	1893	Richard W. Rice, Springfield	1903	Mrs. Clara C. Parker, E. Candia, N. H.	1910
Mrs. Caroline H. Duncan, Haverhill	1893	Mrs. Harriet R. P. Stafford, Wellesley	1903	Andrew C. Slater, Newton	1910





Mrs. Eliza F. Mallalien, Newton.....	1923
E. Florence Morse, Norwood.....	1923
Hannah M. Peatfield, Ipswich.....	1923
Ida L. Plummer, Pepperell.....	1923
Dr. Alice A. Robison, Amenia, N. Y.....	1923
Claudius W. Ryder, Holyoke.....	1923
Mrs. Ernestine W. Schoepflin, Boston.....	1923
Minnie B. Hobbs Tripp, Watertown.....	1923
Mrs. John M. Whitney, Upton.....	1923
Borden G. Wilber, Pittsfield.....	1923
Thornton D. Apollonio, Brookline.....	1924
Mrs. Mary S. M. Beeman, Shelburne Falls.....	1924
Mrs. Aurelia H. Bonney, Brockton.....	1924
Mrs. Sarah J. Briggs, Attleboro.....	1924
Julia M. Day, W. Springfield.....	1924
Samuel Alden Eastman, Milford.....	1924
Abbie F. Farmer, Arlington.....	1924
Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston.....	1924
Charles W. Gifford, South Dartmouth.....	1924
Miss Alice Gray, Andover.....	1924
Mrs. Alice G. Howe, Manchester.....	1924
Frank L. Howes, Brookline.....	1924
Miss Alice F. Howland, Taunton.....	1924
Abbie J. P. Kimball, Lawrence.....	1924
David H. Kirkpatrick, Hubbardston, Mich.....	1924
Frances Kneeland, Skaneateles, N. Y.....	1924
Elizabeth J. Lannon, Cambridge.....	1924
Mrs. Martha D. S. Ludington, W. Springfield.....	1924
Elmira E. Merritt, Templeton.....	1924
Mrs. Kate M. Morse, Boston.....	1924
Helen Evelyn Peckham, Framingham.....	1924
Laban Pratt, Boston.....	1924
Elizabeth Sedgewick Rackemann, Milton.....	1924
Mrs. Clara C. Ramsay, Waitsfield, Vt.....	1924
John A. Roberts, Lynn.....	1924
Thomas O. Rogers, Brookline.....	1924
Miss Lillian S. Saunders, Lynn.....	1924
Mrs. John H. Storer, Waltham.....	1924
Mr. and Mrs. Loewi, Stuttgart, Germany.....	1924
Miss Maude C. Swallow, Quincy.....	1924
Mary Pinkham Tilley, Boston.....	1924
Elizabeth Kendall Upham, New York, N. Y.....	1924
Sarah E. Veazie, Quincy.....	1924
Augustus Wheeler, Milford.....	1924
Abbie N. White, Grafton.....	1924
Mrs. Ellen A. Whitney, Upton.....	1924
Miss Mary M. Wood, Boston.....	1924
Mrs. Clara Woolle, Saco, Me.....	1924
Mrs. Constance W. Zerrahn, Milton.....	1924
Mrs. Henrietta Arnold, Hudson.....	1925
Sarah B. Baxter, Sharon, Vt.....	1925
Franklin P. Bond, Melford.....	1925
Mrs. Abbie Burr, Newton.....	1925
Edward A. Carroll, Boston.....	1925
Julia M. Cushman, Worcester.....	1925
William H. Maynard, Winchester.....	1925
Hon. Levi Morrison, Greenville, Pa.....	1925
Mrs. Henrietta Small, Hudson.....	1925
Mrs. Charlotte T. Stevens, Milton.....	1925

## TO OUR FRIENDS

In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other Society of a similar character.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.



"BELGIAN BOY" MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN, BY BASHKA PAEFF

This dog, born in 1918 and killed by a truck in 1923, belonged to Mrs. E. E. Bessey, Waban, Mass., and was buried on her lawn, where the portrait statue in bronze will be erected on a granite boulder. The shell will have jetting water and will always be full for the birds to drink.

## EXPLAIN IT

**A**FRA," a police dog, instinctively sped to the rescue of a thirteen-year-old boy who had slipped and fallen into Sluice Pond, Lynn. She reached the struggling lad far ahead of human assistants and held him up to the surface until others could reach him and draw him to safety. The reports of this rescue are substantiated as follows by the mother of one of the boys who hurried to the scene and rendered aid:

"My son and another boy and the dog heard the cries of the boy for help from across the pond, where there was an open space from which the ice had been cut the day or so before. Upon hearing the lad calling for help, Afra, the dog, broke away from the boys, skirted around the edge of the ice until she reached the boy, who was unable to get out of the water and upon the ice. The edge of the ice was very smooth; the wash from the water making it so, and this was the reason the boy could not get a good hold. Afra seized hold of the lad's coat by the collar, and managed to hold him up until the two lads arrived upon the scene. They pulled the boy safely upon the ice. He was in a very weak condition from his immersion in the water, and even then the dog lapped the boy's face, which in my mind was very clever, the boys giving first aid at the same time. There is no doubt that if the dog had not been far in advance of his companions in getting to the boy and holding him up until they arrived, the outcome would have been different."

## WHERE THE POLICE CO-OPERATE

**D**URING the winter Chief of Police Harry H. Stroble, Jr., of Reading, Pa., has instructed every officer in the police bureau to observe the treatment of animals forced to pull heavy loads through snow-covered streets. Persons witnessing cruelty to horses are urged to report incidents to him or to the local humane society agent.

The co-operation of the police with the humane societies is most valuable, and helps not only the animals, but helps educate the public to understand that the work of the humane societies is backed up by the police department, and that persons abusing an animal will be punished.

The enforcement of humane laws should be a matter of everyday duty in a police officer's work.

## Poems Our Ancestors Knew

III. THE DOG AND THE WATER-LILY  
No Fable

WILLIAM COWPER, England (1731-1800)

*THE noon was shady, and soft airs  
Swept Ouse's silent tide,  
When, 'scap'd from literary cares,  
I wander'd on his side.*

*My spaniel, prettiest of the race,  
And high in pedigree,  
(Two nymphs, adorn'd with every grace,  
That spaniel found for me.)*

*Now wanton'd lost in flags and reeds,  
Now starting into sight  
Pursu'd the swallows o'er the meads  
With scarce a slower flight.*

*It was the time when Ouse display'd  
His lilies newly blown;  
Their beauties I intent survey'd;  
And one I wish'd my own.*

*With cane extended far I sought  
To steer it close to land;  
But still the prize, though nearly caught,  
Escaped my eager hand.*

*BEAU mark'd my unsuccessful pains  
With fix'd consid'rate face,  
And puzzling set his puppy brains  
To comprehend the case.*

*But with a chirrup clear and strong,  
Dispersing all his dream,  
I thence withdrew, and follow'd long  
The windings of the stream.*

*My ramble finish'd, I return'd,  
BEAU trotting far before  
The floating wreath again discern'd,  
And plunging left the shore.*

*I saw him with that lily cropp'd  
Impatient swim to meet  
My quick approach, and soon he dropp'd  
The treasure at my feet.*

*Charm'd with the sight, "The world," I cried,  
"Shall hear of this thy deed,  
My dog shall mortify the pride  
Of man's superior breed;*

*"But, chief, myself I will enjoin,  
Awake at duty's call,  
To show a love as prompt as thine  
To Him who gives me all."*

## FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or, to The American Humane Education Society), incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of ..... dollars (or, if other property, describe the property).

IF horses and mules were to maim or kill only about one per cent of the number of humans maimed or killed by automobiles, in some cities at least these animals would very likely be denied the use of the streets.



## The Band of Mercy

DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, *President*  
GUY RICHARDSON, *Secretary*  
E. A. MARYOTT, *State Organizer*

### PLEDGE

**I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage.**

The American Humane Education Society will send to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members and sends the name chosen for the Band and the name and post-office address of the president who has been duly elected:

1. Special Band of Mercy literature.
  2. Several leaflets, containing pictures, stories, poems, addresses, reports, etc.
  3. Copy of "Songs of Happy Life."
  4. An imitation gold badge for the president.
- See inside front cover for prices of Band of Mercy supplies.

### NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Three hundred and sixty-five new Bands of Mercy were reported in February. Of these, 152 were in schools of Rhode Island; 75 in schools of Georgia; 58 in schools of Minnesota; 42 in schools of Virginia; six each in schools of New York and Delaware; five each in schools of Massachusetts and Tennessee; three each in Michigan and Syria; two in schools of Texas; and one each in schools of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, West Virginia, Florida, California, Bahamas, and South Africa.

**Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 149,973**

### FRED HILL GIVEN A MEDAL

**T**HE President of our Societies had the pleasure, March 2, of presenting to Fred Hill of Newton Center, in the presence of the freshman high school class of about five hundred, a medal for an act of unusual daring and heroism in rescuing a dog that had broken through the ice and would soon have been drowned. Though the ice gave way beneath the young man, he managed, with the ability acquired as a Boy Scout, to cast a rope about the neck of the dog and to bring him to shore. The chief of the Newton Fire Department could not speak in sufficiently high terms of the bravery and the skill that were manifested in this rescue. The President said in awarding the medal that the fine thing, after all, was not the rescue of the dog, creditable as that might be, but that which was behind it in the unselfish and noble impulse in the heart of the lad which led to this courageous deed.

### THE KNIGHTHOOD OF YOUTH

**T**HE fact that crime is costing our United States three times as much as conducting the business of the national government is proof enough that the youth of the nation are fundamentally lacking in moral training. The tide of recklessness, viciousness and criminality is running altogether too swift and strong. Greater attention must be paid to the necessity of training for character if the boys and girls of today are to be the safe and trusted citizens of the future, respecters of law and order.

Police court records show an increase in juvenile criminality in the past five years. To meet this situation, the National Child Welfare Association, with headquarters at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has organized The Knighthood of Youth, a movement in which children receive direct and systematic training for good character. Through its exercises this Knighthood gives them a daily drill in character building, while the charm of its chivalry leads them to persist.

This movement is being extended to the remotest, humblest home in the mountain or on the farm as well as in the city—all it requires is a child, and a parent or teacher to help direct the young knight in his quest for character. Complete but simple instructions are given the leader as well as the child. The plan has the hearty endorsement of school administrators, ministers, social workers and parents, and conferences of leading educators have approved it. It should commend itself to all those who are in any way concerned with or responsible for the molding of character and the developing of a better boyhood and girlhood.

### FOR HUMANE DAY IN SCHOOLS

**New Pamphlet of Helpful Suggestions, for Use of Teachers, April 17**

**T**O aid teachers in arranging special programs for the annual Humane Day in Schools, Friday, April 17, 1925, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. has an eight-page pamphlet of suggestive material adapted for humane exercises and including a short, original humane play. Copies will be sent free to teachers in grammar grades in all the schools of Massachusetts.

Societies or individuals in other states, wishing to use these pamphlets in schools or elsewhere, may purchase them at cost, \$15 per 1,000 copies, by sending in their orders early.

### TO CALIFORNIA BOYS AND GIRLS

**W**HOM do you love among your school-mates? Not those who throw stones at innocent animals; not those who break and destroy fences, trees, and windows; not those who wish to quarrel and fight; but you do love and respect those who are kind, gentle, and unselfish—the peacemakers, says Luther Burbank in *Western Journal of Education*.

Weakling cowards boast, swagger, and brag; the brave ones, the good ones, are gentle and kind.

Cultivate kind, gentle, loving thoughts towards every person and animal; and even plants, stars, oceans, rivers and hills. You will find yourself growing more happy each day, and with happiness comes health and everything you want.

### A BAND OF MERCY AUXILIARY

**H**ELPING others to be helpful has been the aim of Mr. Walter E. Boteler of Baltimore, for the past fifteen years. Starting out with a Band of Mercy of sixty-five members, which in two years grew to three hundred and twenty-five, Mr. Boteler conceived the idea of forming classes for girls in First Aid training. He has achieved remarkable success in his efforts and has brought considerably over three thousand girls and boys and grown-ups under the benefits of his useful instruction.

Mr. Boteler calls his different groups "Red Star Training Classes," which meet once a week in the churches of the city. The course of training is one of four years' length. Here are some of the practical things that are taught: The making of bandages, dressings, compresses, fomentations and poultices, and their proper uses; how to take the pulse, respiration, and temperature, and to mark charts accurately; to know one hundred drugs by both their English and Latin names; to be familiar with all tables of weights and measures and skilful in the administering of medicines.

Mr. Boteler personally conducts and trains his classes, provides agreeable entertainments for them at intervals and has carried on the work without compensation. He is encouraged by the interest which so many have taken in his course of training, humanely educative and in many ways demonstrating the great importance of useful, unselfish and helpful living.



BAND OF MERCY ORGANIZED AS "RED STAR TRAINING CLASS" BY WALTER E. BOTELER, BALTIMORE



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## "PUNCH" WRITES FROM NEW HOME

From Our Yard

Dear John, Bobbie and Webster:—

I have been visiting at Grandma's a great deal since you left and really like it very much. I believe she thinks a good bit of me, for she talked to me a lot and gave me good things to eat, and one night your Papa fixed a bed for me in Grandma's woodshed. I have been sleeping there at night; only when some other dog would bark, why I would bark a few times, too, but I don't think the people around heard my bark, for it was not very loud.

Well, on Saturday, I spent the whole afternoon at the drug store, sleeping in your Papa's office, for I wanted to be near him. When we went down to Grandma's for supper there was a great big Cadillac sedan standing in front of Mrs. McLaughlin's house, and we found out that it was Mr. Shaeffer's from Ephrata. I saw him watching me all day Sunday, and he said to Mrs. McLaughlin, "That certainly is a nice dog," and she said, "I believe they want to give him away; I'll ask Marion," so when your Papa was eating breakfast this morning Mrs. McL. came in and asked him. He sort of looked at me and at her and said, "Well, yes, if he gets a good home." It almost broke my heart, for I love you all so and really wanted to live with you, but Mr. Shaeffer told your Papa they had no children and would be kind to me, so your Papa said I could go. I can get lots of rides in their sedan, and Mr. Shaeffer told your Papa that he had an Essex coupe which he used for his business and he wanted me to ride with him for company. I am sure I will enjoy the riding for I love it, but, my, I will miss you boys so, for I love you so much, but Mr. Shaeffer said I would have a good home with lots to eat, so maybe I will learn to like it.

I heard your Papa tell Mr. S. that he would have to get a new license for me on account of going to a new county to live, and I am in hopes that he will get me a new collar, too, for the one you bought for me is getting soiled.

Grandma carried me out to the car and I rode up street on the front seat, sitting between Mr. and Mrs. S., and she had her arm around me. I just couldn't bear to pass our house, and I shut my eyes so I couldn't see it. Mr. S. stopped at the drug store to say good-bye and thanks to your Papa, and

when he came out to say good-bye to me I really believe he had tears in his eyes. Mr. S. invited your Papa to bring you all up to Ephrata to see them, and I hope he will, but Mr. S. promised to bring me back for a visit, and then I hope to see you.

Be good boys and mind your Mamma and Papa and always remember me as one who loved you and would rather have lived with you all my life.

Good-bye.

"PUNCH" MACOMBER

### SOLUTION OF CROSS-WORD PUZZLE IN MARCH NUMBER



Photo by Will Cadby

Courtesy of Photo-Era Magazine

### BACKS TO THE WALL

### A CULPRIT

MRS. T. W. BROWN

**L**ITTLE boy Ben, your nose is yellow,  
And your chin is brown as the dusty bee,  
The lilies have branded the mischievous fellow  
And handed the criminal over to me.

Did you crack all my peony petals, I wonder?  
And try all my buttercups under your chin?  
And match with their necks clinching over and under  
My poor Johnny-jump-ups to see which should win?

Did you frighten my humming-birds out of the roses?  
And cheat my old mother-bee out of her dew?  
And make all my lady-moths bump their long noses?  
And hurry and scurry for terror of you?

Did you chase my gold butterfly from the sweet clover?  
And tie my big bumble bee up in his sleep?  
To waken with lily-walls closing him over,  
Away from his wife and his children to weep?

No need of confession, my little boy Ben!  
And here at the end is a moral for you—  
Look into the mirror, for boys are like men  
And we read in their faces the deeds that they do.

Humane Day in Schools, Friday, April 17, 1925

A FINE TESTIMONY TO THE VALUE  
OF HUMANE EDUCATIONSTATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPT. OF EDUCATION  
Sacramento, Jan. 27, '25

Any system of education which neglects training in the humane treatment of animals is failing in its duty. Children should be taught to treat animals in a kindly manner, not only for the sake of the animals, but also for their own sake. Cruelty to animals indicates a serious character defect. Kindness to animals indicates that the heart has been educated. It is an index of character.

Humane education may be taught most effectively by encouraging the practice of kindness to animals, and our schools should be encouraged to give proper emphasis to training in kindness to them.

WILL C. WOOD  
Sup't of Public Instruction"ADAPTED FROM GEORGE BERNARD  
SHAW"

AFTER the people were seated and the speaker had begun, a lady came in and sat down very conspicuously in my line of sight. She remained there until almost the end. I do not complain of her coming late and going early; on the contrary, I wish she had come later and gone earlier. For this lady, who had very black hair, had stuck over her right ear the pitiable corpse of a large white bird which looked exactly as if some one had killed it by stamping on its breast, and then nailed it to the lady's temple, which was presumably of sufficient solidity to bear the operation. I am not, I hope, a morbidly squeamish person; but the spectacle sickened me.

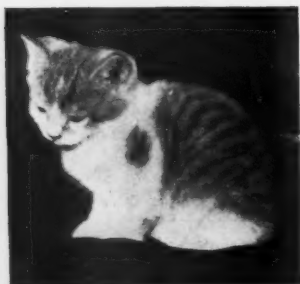
I presume if I had presented myself with a dead snake round my neck, a collection of black beetles pinned to my shirt front, and a grouse in my hair, I should have been refused admission.

Why, then, is a woman allowed to commit such a public outrage?

LESSONS for Teaching Humane Education in Elementary Schools," 48 pp., published by the American S. P. C. A., 50 Madison Avenue, New York City, at 15 cents per copy, is invaluable for teachers.

LET our slogan for this next week be, "One Kind Act Toward Some Animal Each Day," and then carry on the work through the year.  
—*Western Courier*, Macomb, Ill.

IT must be admitted at any rate that the horse is more nearly fool proof than the automobile.



For the Week of April 13, 1925

THIS IS NATIONAL  
BE KIND TO

## ANIMALS WEEK

Be Kind to Animals Every Week in the Year

Posters of the above, printed in two colors, size 25 x 19 inches, will be furnished by the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, for ten cents each, or, in lots of ten or more, four cents each.

Lantern slides, colored, reproducing the above, suitable for exhibition in moving picture houses, and elsewhere, will be sent at the rate of 35 cents each, or, in quantities of ten or more, 30 cents each.

Orders should be sent at once to insure receiving these supplies in time.

## TRANSPORTING ANIMALS

From recent editorial in *Montreal Daily Star*

CRUELTY to horses is not the only form of cruelty against which the protest of humane persons is directed, and Lady Byng's vigorous address at Ottawa regarding the inhuman methods of shipping animals by train or otherwise deserves wide notice. There is not the slightest excuse in the world why animals that are transported from one city to another, or from one part of the town to another should not be carried humanely. To see small crates which at the most should hold half a dozen fowls for market packed so that the animals resemble sardines in a box is a blot on the humane instincts of which we boast. The transportation of cattle has long been the subject of the reproaches of persons who have seen the positive sufferings of the poor beasts.

The railway companies have done something to prevent the most flagrant of these conditions, but the needed improvement must come in a change of sentiment among shippers and teamsters. Inspectors can to some extent prevent overcrowding, but their vigilance is largely nullified unless the reports they make to the authorities culminate in prosecutions and heavy fines, or, better still, imprisonment. The man who is mean enough to want to save a few cents at the expense of dumb animals deserves the pillory of public indignation, instead of indifference.

EVERY humane worker should send for 100 or more of the Be Kind to Animals pins for distribution during the week of April 13. Price, \$1 per hundred. American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

## THE LAST RACE

(Ernest Harold Baynes' Poem on his own approaching death)

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I HAVE the mount on Courage today,  
And Death is riding the White,  
Through the paddock gate, with a smile at fate,  
To the track in the slanting light.

The odds on death are short, they say,  
And how shall a sportsman choose?  
There is just one test, you must ride your best,  
Then you win, if you win or lose.

We face the flag on our hill-rimmed course,  
It falls to a perfect start.  
No waiting race—we must set the pace,  
The pace that will break his heart.

On the long back stretch we lead by a length,  
Old Courage asserting his pride,  
Till Death shows fight and calls on the White  
He rides! for he has to ride.

As we swing to the straight, we are still in the van,  
My horse at the top of his speed,  
With Death's coming fast—we are nearing the last,  
And the last is already decreed.

The horses, lapped to their saddle girths,  
Rush through like a storm-swept fire—  
Death wins! Bravo! But I laugh in his face,  
As he noses me out at the wire.

Our readers are urged to clip from *Our Dumb Animals* various articles and request their local editors to republish. Copies so mutilated will be made good by us on application.

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